

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas July 16th 1900

Hon. Geo. W. McCall Mayor presiding
Roll called

Present Aldermen Blackburn Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan
and Strumpf 6
Absent Alderman Morris 1

minutes
approved

On Motion the Minutes were approved and
recorded by the Clerk without reading
Petitions Memorials etc

Pet. Citizens to
put a bridge from
E 5th St. across
Walker Creek at
10th St.
By Alderman Mortimer Petitions of Citizens asking that
the bridge to be removed from E 5th street be placed
on Walker Creek at E 10th street Read and referred to
the Street Committee with instructions to report at the next
regular meeting of the Council

Pet. Austin Sewerage
Co. reduce taxes
1898
The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from the Austin
Sewerage Co asking a reduction on assessment for taxes
for 1898, as fixed by the Board of Equalization - Read and
referred to the Committee on Claims & accounts

Mrs. A. B. Harrell
to remit bond
fees.
The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Mrs. A. B.
Harrell asking that certain bond fees paid by her
be refunded - Read & referred to the Committee on Claims & accounts

By Alderman Glass. Petition of J. P. Rodd for permission
to repair frame building within the five limit On Motion
the petition was granted the work to be done under the
supervision of the City Engineers

Colorado Horse
Co to be re-instructed
The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Colorado
Horse Co. No. 1 asking permission to remove the Chemical Saw
placed upon their wagon by the Chief of the Fire Dept

E. Bernhard
to remit taxes
1899
On Motion the petition was laid on the table Subject to Call
By Alderman Nolan - Petition from E. Bernhard asking that
his taxes for 1899 be remitted, Read & referred to the Claims
& Accounts Committee.

Geo. P. Garrison
to reduce tax
1899
By Alderman Strumpf - Petition of Geo. P. Garrison asking a
reduction of Assessment for taxes for 1899, as fixed by the
Board of Equalization. Read & referred to the Committee on Claims
& accounts

Protest
The Mayor laid before the Council a protest from J. M. Mansfield
against opening the alley in Block No. 37 - Read and
referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Strumpf Petition from C. C. Campbell asking
that certain bond fees be remitted. On Motion the petition
was granted for the amount of \$12. and that amount
ordered to be refunded.

Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Fischer for the Street Committee, who were
advising for instruction to advertise for bids to build a bridge across
his creek on West 12th street, presented a report

O. A. Hunt on
Contract for W
12th bridge

stating that they had complied with their instruction and
and had received four bids for same, and had accepted
the bid of Mr. C. Q. Stanton for the sum of \$2460- and recommended
that the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract with
Mr. Stanton in accordance with his bid, provided he
furnish a reasonable bond for the faithful compliance with
his contract. The report of the Committee was adopted -

New Business

Marshal and his wife
to put in book
Case

Alderman Dunham moved that the Marshal be authorized to
have a book case made for his office at a cost not to exceed twenty
five dollars which motion prevailed

\$2000. for street work
4th Ward

By Alderman Stumpf an ordinance appropriating the sum of
\$2000. for street work in the old fourth ward.

The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was
referred to the streets Committee

\$1000. extra street
work

By Alderman Fischer An ordinance appropriating the sum of
\$1000. for extra street work. The ordinance was read the first
time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place the
ordinance on its second reading which was lost by the
following vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Nolan & Stumpf 4

Nays Aldermen Glass & ~~Stumpf~~ Mortimer 2

\$2400. for purchase

By Alderman Fischer An ordinance appropriating the sum
of \$2400- to purchase a steam Road Roller. The ordinance was
passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer & Nolan 5

Nays Alderman Stumpf 1

Alderman Glass offered the following resolution which
was read and adopted

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin

City atty to
institute legal
proceedings
for Marshal's

That the City Attorney is hereby ordered to bring such legal
proceedings as he may deem necessary and at as early a
date as possible to reinvest the City in possession of a certain
half block of ground known as the Market Square being the half
block of ground immediately across the streets North of the Cotton
Alliance Yard and now claimed by parties under a lease or
permit from the State said half block of ground having originally
been donated by the State of Texas to the City of Austin for Market
purposes

Wheatley &
Hurley elected
auditors

Alderman Glass moved that the Council now proceed to the
election of two Auditors as provided for by resolution of the Council
passed some time since which motion prevailed

The Mayor appointed Alderman Nolan & Fischer as tellers -
Alderman Dunham nominated Mr. C. A. Wheatley -
Alderman Mortimer nominated Mr. C. A. Hurley -
Alderman Fischer nominated Mr. J. P. Gorse.

The tellers announced the following as the result of the ballot
Mr. Wheatley received 4 votes Mr. Hurley 6 votes & Mr. Byrne 2 votes

The Mayor declared Mr Wheatley & Mr Hurley duly elected.

Alderman Dieren offered the following resolution which was read & adopted

Mayor to make contract for Steam Roller

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a steam Road Roller for the O.S. Kelley Manufacturing Co.

Alderman Mortimer moved to take from the Table the petition of Colorado Hose Co No 2, which motion prevailed

Pet Colorado Hose Co withdrawn

On motion the Committee representing the Co was allowed to withdraw the petition

The following Communication from the Chief of the Fire Dept was received, read and ordered filed

Austin Texas July 16th 1904

To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin Gentlemen:

Chief Fire Dept on Colorado Hose Co No 2

I beg leave to report that I suspended Colorado Fire Co, No 2, from service on the 15th Inst

The causes leading up to this action on my part may be briefly stated as follows, viz

Just prior to last election of officers for the fire departments, the Council appropriated money to purchase two chemical tanks for the use of the fire departments, and the fire Commissioners decided to place these two tanks on the wagons of the Colorado and Washington Companies, respectively

This decision met with the unanimous approval of the Commission including the approval of the foreman of the Colorado Company

When the tanks arrived, the foreman of the Colorado Company was by me requested to take the wagon of the Company to the shop for the purpose of having installed thereon one of the tanks

He at first refused to obey this direction, for the stated reason that in his opinion the wagon was not sufficiently strong to bear the extra weight of the tanks; and only sent the wagon to the shop after I had informed him that unless this was done the Company would be suspended.

I had similar trouble with the foreman of the Company before he could be induced to return the wagon to the Company quarters after the tanks was installed

When the wagon had been returned, the foreman informed me that his Company would refuse to do duty with the wagon while the tank remained in place

On the 15th Inst an alarm of fire was turned in for the first ward and the Colorado Company failed to attend as per the previous threat of its foreman. For this neglect of duty the Company was suspended.

Since its suspension the Company has by resolution indicated a qualified willingness to return to duty and to accept the wagon and tank on sixty days trial, but on the terms of an ~~an~~ some resolution expressed the intention of bringing the whole matter of the suspension

of the Company before the Council for settlement at tonight's meeting. The decision of the fire Commission to place one of the tanks on the Colorado wagon was reached after due deliberation and I cannot concede to that Company the right to arbitrarily nullify that action, especially in view of the fact that competent experts have pronounced the wagon to be perfectly safe for use in its present condition. To do so would be to put an end to discipline in the department and place the fireman of the different Companies above the fire Commission and the Chief of the department, in authority.

I therefore recommend that the Colorado Company be reinstated upon expressing an unqualified intention and willingness to perform its duty in the future with such apparatus as the fire Commission may provide for its use

Respectfully

Joe Macken

Chief Engineer fire Department

Alderman Fischer offered the following resolution

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that Colorado fire No 2 be and the same is hereby re-instated and ready for duty and that at the end of sixty days the chemical tanks be not proved satisfactory, that the Chief and Commissioners of the fire department report to the City Council at the expiration of that time

After discussion by the Council, the Chief of the fire department and the Committee representing Colorado Hose Co. Alderman Mortimer moved to lay the resolution on the table which motion was lost by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Glass Mortimer & Stumpf	3
Nays Aldermen Dunham Fischer Nolan & the Mayor	4

Alderman Dunham offered the following as a substitute for the resolution of Alderman Fischer

Resolved that Colorado Company be re-instated
Alderman Fischer accepted the substitute and it was adopted by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan And Stumpf	6
Nays None.	

On Motion the Council adjourned

Geo. Johnson
City Clerk